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ARMED HOME INVASION GROUP MEMBER IS SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT TO DRUG AND FIREARMS CHARGES

Project Safe Neighborhood Undercover Investigation Stops Stash House Robbery Plot

Shreveport, Louisiana: A member of a violent crime group in Shreveport, Louisiana was sentenced today for planning an armed home invasion to rob rival drug dealers of cash and drugs, Acting United States Attorney William J. Flanagan announced. Schmanisky Broadway, 29, was sentenced to 25 years in prison and 10 years of supervised release by United States District Judge Tom Stagg. Broadway pled guilty to conspiracy to possess cocaine with intent to distribute and possession of firearms in relation to drug trafficking.

Broadway and four others were charged in August 2009 on a variety of drug trafficking and firearms charges. According to court testimony, an undercover ATF agent approached Broadway and others posing as an out-of-town drug courier who was disgruntled with certain drug dealers who owed him money. Broadway and others readily agreed to join a plot to rob the drug dealers of over 5 kilos of cocaine and money. Broadway told the undercover agent that he had done this before and that "you gotta burn the first guy so they get their minds right," that is, kill the first person encountered in the stash house so as to control the others. Broadway further told the undercover

agent that they would dress up like a police SWAT team in order to disguise themselves when committing the robbery. This proposed robbery was in fact a ruse created by the undercover agent.

On August 6, Broadway repeatedly called the undercover agent asking when they could do the robbery as they were all ready. Everyone agreed to meet in the parking lot of the Shreveport Municipal Auditorium and an ATF SWAT team was in place to arrest those involved. Agents recovered a total of three loaded pistols, duct tape, and two black hooded-sweatshirts.

This case is being prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods. Project Safe Neighborhoods is a nationwide program begun in 2001 and was designed to reduce violence in our communities by aggressively using existing federal firearms laws.

This case was investigated by the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), Shreveport Field Office, Special Task Force Agent Alan Alkire, in conjunction with the Shreveport Police Department and was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney James G. Cowles, Jr.

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